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a chemical. I would like to ask this Legislature to ask EPA by resolution to reconsider their suspension of the chemical or to at least modify it so that the amount of chemical on hand today could be utilized in the normal manner and then perhaps by that time they would know whether or not it should be banned permanently, but in this case, I think the lesser danger is to allow the chemical that is in existence to be used and then let the government decide if they want to continue the ban on further production. I ask your support of the resolution.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: I have a question I would like to address to Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, I have heard no discussion, therefore I am totally uninformed as to why EPA took the action that was taken and there must have been some kind of background for them to make a decision?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator Marsh, I really don't know why they did it either. I read the order and it is kind of unusual that they immediately suspend and order a chemical like this. I can tell you very frankly that they...I will give you an actual example. They will allow it to be used upon rangeland.

SENATOR MARSH: I noticed that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But they do not allow it to be used upon pastureland. Now isn't it interesting in the particular bureaucratic kind of language that they separate pastureland from rangeland. In this part of the country pastureland is rangeland and they are particularly trying to protect as near as I can tell the forests of this country. And if that is what they are trying to do, that is fine with me. For years we have been limited in our ability to use it near or around waterways and that is fine with me also. My contention is that they still are allowing limited use of it and that they ought to allow the limited use of it to the extent that we have it available today so that the greater danger does not occur, which I have described to you, which might occur because there have been no plans made by the EPA to dispose of the chemical, to transfer it, to compensate people for the loss of it or any of the other factors I have mentioned.

SENATOR MARSH: Then what I understand you to be saying is that the supply which currently is on hand cannot or will not be used up by being used on rangeland, is that a correct